



Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a Happy May Day! May is a month we dedicate to Mary, asking her to join us in praying for our intentions. In school, St Oscar Romero class will be leading a liturgy at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th May which parents are invited to - this will be in the school hall and will help us reflect on Mary, our mother and guide. Our Faith in Action group will lead KS1 and EY in a May procession on Monday 11th May, helping our youngest children reflect and pray with Mary and ending with a crowning of Mary.

Year of St Francis

This year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, who had a great love of God's creation and was called to build the church both physically by repairing churches in Italy and through preaching the Word of God. To celebrate this year we will be having a pet blessing on **Monday 1st June at 2.45pm** on the playground led by Fr Emmanuel. We hope our much-loved family members will be able to join us for the blessing! Parents will be able to bring the pet to school for 2.45pm or children can bring a photograph of their pets. (We can't have live and lively pets in school during the day!) Pets will need to be secure - either in a cage or on a short leash and must be kept under the control of an adult. If your pet is nervous and likely to find this overwhelming, please consider sending in a photo as we wouldn't want to cause stress.

The blessing will take place on the sports playground with the gate directly accessing that playground opened at 2.40pm. We will ask parents to gather along one side of the playground with the classes facing them. Pets must remain with the adult and are not to be handed to the child/ren to hold. Owners will be responsible for controlling their pet and clearing up any mess. At the end of the blessing, children will return to class and be collected in the normal way. At this point we would ask that pets, especially dogs, are not brought back on to the school site.

If your child is nervous of animals, please email the office and we will work with them to find ways they can take part confidently - for example- sitting away from the pets.

If you plan to bring a pet to the blessing, please complete this form [Pet Blessing - June 1st 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Best wishes

Miss Clark
Head teacher

Good luck to Miss Fripp and her dad who are running the Southampton Half Marathon on Sunday in aid of Cancer Research! At least she will have Monday to recover!

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Volunteers needed - we are looking for a parent or a group of parents who could on a weekly or fortnightly basis, sort and sell the preloved school uniform. If you could help with this please let the school office know.

School Uniform donations: We have summer uniform available - if anyone needs any summer uniform please contact the office. We are also looking for spare clothing to keep on hand for little accidents. Particularly if you have any spare black joggers or leggings, they'd be greatly appreciated! If your child has taken any school uniform home due to an accident, please return it to school once it has been washed. We appreciate your support.

ARBOR APP - Please can I ask all parents to check their child's information on the ARBOR APP. If you received a new mobile or have moved recently, please update the contact details and ensure all the information on your child's record is correct. We are particularly keen for parents to check the religion status for their child as we believe there are a number of children recorded as Christian and not specifically as Catholic.

SMART Devices - I am writing to remind you that for the safeguarding of all members of our school community, children are not permitted to wear smart technology devices into school. This includes items such as smart watches. Children are permitted to wear a basic digital or analogue watch, but this must not have any photographic or communicative functions and should not be valuable. If you are not sure whether a watch is suitable for school, please speak to the class teacher.

Benefitted Related Free School Meals - As you may be aware, families on certain benefits may be entitled to what is known as the Pupil Premium Grant - this is an amount of money, about £1300, that the school receives to support children in school. Where a family is entitled to the pupil premium grant, we offer subsidies for trips and some activities. However, families are also entitled to free holiday activities and a supermarket voucher during some holidays. If you have not checked whether you are entitled please do so before the end of September by clicking on this link [Synergy - Enquiry](#) Please do speak to Mrs Penney in the office if you need any help.

Important Events

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (school closed for all children)

Tuesday 5th May – Year 3/4 Butser Ancient Farm School Trip

Friday 8th May – Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May – SATS Exams

Tuesday 12th May – Oscar Romero class Swimming Lessons begin

Monday 18th May – School Nurse appointments (booking required)

Monday 25th May to Friday 30th May – school holidays (school closed for all children)

Monday 1st June – Pet Blessing @ 2.45pm

Thursday 2nd July – Sports Day

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INSET Days this year - school will be closed to children on these days

Monday 6th July

Wednesday 22nd July

PE Days - Children should come dressed in their PE kits - green t-shirt and black shorts or black or green track suit and trainers. Track suits must be plain with no logos.

Monday - Years 5 and 6

Tuesday - Years 3 and 4

Wednesday - Years R, St Francis and St Lucy's class

Thursday - Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4

Friday – St Nicholas class, Years 5 and 6

If children are taking part in any after school clubs on days that aren't their PE days they should bring trainers with them to school and change at the end of the day.

This week's celebrations:

Class	Good Shepherds:	Reading Champions:
St Joseph	Jaylen	Nelita
St Gabriel	Mayleen	Flourish
St Francis	Michaela	Shawn
St Nicholas	Sakinah	Abigail
St Lucy	Pola	Julia
St Josephine Bakhita	Donald	Ryan
St Carlos Acutis	Elhana	Arnav
St Oscar Romero	Ramana	Jonathan
St Therese of Lisieux	Aida	Adrianna
St Bernadette	Ngoni	Anya
St Maximilian Kolbe	Christabel	Alex.C

Golden Book:

Kylah (St Nicholas) – Super RE writing

Ivy (St Lucy) – Super writing

Shawn (St Francis) – Improving his writing

Silver Merit:

Daneka & Aidhan (St Josephine Bakhita)